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Applicants: Dezso et al.

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Signed: Carla Bryan**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request the Commissioner for reconsideration of the Petition filed on March 11, 2004 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 to withdraw holding of abandonment - office action not received.

In response to Applicants' prior Petition, Applicants received a Decision dismissing the Petition on the grounds that: (1) Applicants did not include a statement by the practitioner that the Office Action was not received by the practitioner; and (2) The declaration of the inventors lists the first named inventor differently than the international application.

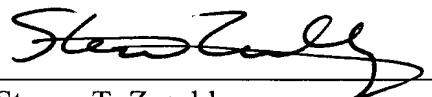
With respect to the first issue, the undersigned practitioner hereby states that the subject Notification of Missing Requirements forming the basis for abandonment was not received by the practitioner.

With respect to the second issue, Applicants point out that the names of the inventors, particularly Ranko Dezso, as they appear on the Declaration filed along with Applicants Petition on March 11, 2004 are correct. There is an error with respect to Mr. Dezso's name in the international application. Specifically, Mr. Dezso's first and last names in the international application have been transposed and the letter "o" has been omitted from his last name, Dezso.

Applicants hope the foregoing overcomes the grounds for dismissal of Applicants' Petition and, therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in this case.

Should there be any remaining difficulties or informalities associated with the Petition, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below to resolve such matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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